



Facts and Survey Findings: California White Population

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Population (2001)¹

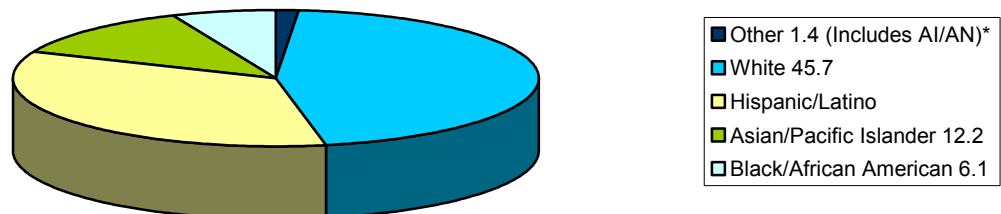
California's civilian, non-institutional population, including members of armed forces, was

- 34,488,000 persons

White Population in California (2001)¹

- There were 15,761,000 Whites living in California
- Whites represent 45.7 percent of California's population

Figure 1. Population Shares by Race/Ethnicity



*American Indians/Alaska Natives represent 0.4 percent of the California population

Persons by Age and Sex, California 2001 (in thousands)¹

| Age (Years) | Males | Percent | Females | Percent | Total |
|-------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| 0-4 | 498 | 53 | 433 | 47 | 931 |
| 5-17 | 1,348 | 51 | 1,298 | 49 | 2,646 |
| 18-34 | 1,809 | 52 | 1,660 | 48 | 3,469 |
| 35-49 | 1,878 | 49 | 1,922 | 51 | 3,800 |
| 50-65 | 1,359 | 50 | 1,345 | 50 | 2,704 |
| 65+ | 956 | 43 | 1,256 | 57 | 2,212 |
| Total | 7,847 | 50 | 7,914 | 50 | 15,761 |

Department of Finance Population Projections²

| Year of Projection | Population | Percent |
|--------------------|------------|---------|
| 2010 | 15,377,948 | 39.2 |
| 2020 | 14,757,146 | 33.7 |

Socioeconomic Data

Median Age (2001) ¹

- The median age for California's White population - 38 years
 - Median age for males - 37 years
 - Median age for females - 39 years

Marital Status (2001) ¹

Marital Status and Sex (Age 15+), California 2001(in thousands)

| Status | Males | Percent* | Females | Percent* | Total** | Percent* |
|---------------|-------|----------|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| Never Married | 2,074 | 33.0 | 1,515 | 23.3 | 3,589 | 28.1 |
| Married | 3,354 | 53.3 | 3,206 | 49.4 | 6,560 | 51.3 |
| Separated | 77 | 1.2 | 121 | 1.8 | 198 | 2.0 |
| Widowed | 556 | 8.8 | 938 | 14.5 | 1,464 | 11.5 |
| Divorced | 232 | 3.7 | 709 | 10.9 | 941 | 7.4 |
| Totals | 6,292 | 100 | 6,490 | 100 | 12,782 | 100 |

Household Size (2001) ¹

- The mean household size for California's White population was 2.4 persons

Educational Attainment, Age 25+, (2001) ¹

- The median years of education completed for California's Whites was 14
- Educational Attainment:
 - Not a High School Graduate 771,000
 - High School Graduate 2,489,000
 - Some College 3,601,000
 - BA/BS 2,508,000
 - Master's or Higher 1,370,000

Median Family Income (2001) ¹

- California White households had a median income of \$66,000 per year

Poverty Level (2001) ¹

- 7.8 percent of California's White population lived below the federal poverty level

Unemployment (2001) ¹

- The unemployment rate for California Whites was 5.1 percent

Health Insurance Duration (2001) ³

White population health insurance duration rates:

| Ages | Uninsured All Year | Uninsured Part Year | Insured All Year |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 0-17 Years | 2.7% | 5.5% | 91.8% |
| 18-64 Years | 7.2% | 8.6% | 84.1% |

Health Insurance Coverage, Ages 0-64, (2001) ⁴

- Uninsured: 8.6 %
- Medi-Cal/Healthy Families 8.1 %
- Employer-based Insurance 75.4 %
- Privately Purchased 6.9 %
- Other Public Coverage 1.1 %

*Percents are rounded independently and may not add up to 100

Births and Deaths (2001)

Births (2001)⁵

- There were 170,251 White births in California
- Whites births represented 32.3 percent of California's total births.

Mortality/Deaths (2001)⁶

- The total number of White deaths in California was 167,905
- Whites represented 72.1 percent of California's total deaths

Infant Mortality Rate (2001)⁷

- The mortality rate for White infants (under one year of age) was 5.0 percent.

Ten Leading Causes of Death Among Whites (2001)⁶

| Rank | Causes of Death | Totals ^{6a} | Percent* | Age-Adjusted Rate ^{6b} |
|------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Diseases of the Heart | 52,205 | 31.0 | 242.4 |
| 2 | Malignant Neoplasms (Cancers) | 39,202 | 23.4 | 187.6 |
| 3 | Cerebrovascular Disease | 13,017 | 7.8 | 60.0 |
| 4 | Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease | 10,967 | 6.5 | 51.5 |
| 5 | Influenza/Pneumonia | 6,123 | 3.6 | 28.1 |
| 6 | Accidents (Unintended Injuries) | 5,553 | 3.3 | 29.4 |
| 7 | Alzheimer's Disease | 4,295 | 2.5 | 19.5 |
| 8 | Diabetes | 3,574 | 2.1 | 17.0 |
| 9 | Suicide (Intentional Self-Harm) | 2,394 | 1.4 | 12.7 |
| 10 | Chronic Liver Disease/Cirrhosis | 2,203 | 1.3 | 10.9 |
| | All Other Causes | 28,372 | 17.6 | |

Ten Leading Causes of White Male Deaths (2001)⁶

| Rank | Causes of Death | Totals ^{6a} | Percent* of Male Deaths | Age Adjusted Rate ^{6b} |
|------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Diseases of the Heart | 25,186 | 31.1 | 298.3 |
| 2 | Malignant Neoplasms (Cancers) | 19,725 | 24.4 | 221.6 |
| 3 | Cerebrovascular Disease | 5,000 | 6.2 | 61.1 |
| 4 | Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease | 4,880 | 6.0 | 56.9 |
| 5 | Accidents (Unintended Injuries) | 3,612 | 4.5 | 40.7 |
| 6 | Influenza/Pneumonia | 2,683 | 3.3 | 33.5 |
| 7 | Suicide (Intentional Self Harm) | 1,874 | 2.3 | 20.7 |
| 8 | Diabetes | 1,782 | 2.2 | 20.1 |
| 9 | Chronic Liver Disease/Cirrhosis | 1,397 | 1.7 | 14.5 |
| 10 | Alzheimer's Disease | 1,325 | 1.6 | 17.0 |
| | All Other Causes | 13,510 | 16.4 | |

Ten Leading Causes of White Female Deaths (2001)⁶

| Rank | Causes of Death | Totals ^{6a} | Percent* of Female Deaths | Age-Adjusted Rate ^{6b} |
|------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 | Diseases of the Heart | 27,019 | 31.1 | 199.1 |
| 2 | Malignant Neoplasm (Cancers) | 19,477 | 22.4 | 165.7 |
| 3 | Cerebrovascular Disease | 8,017 | 9.2 | 58.8 |
| 4 | Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease | 6,087 | 7.0 | 48.5 |
| 5 | Influenza/Pneumonia | 3,440 | 4.0 | 24.7 |
| 6 | Alzheimer's Disease | 2,970 | 3.4 | 20.7 |
| 7 | Accidents (Unintended Injuries) | 1,941 | 2.2 | 18.8 |
| 8 | Diabetes | 1,792 | 2.1 | 14.7 |
| 9 | Hypertension | 968 | 1.1 | 7.2 |
| 10 | Atherosclerosis | 816 | 0.9 | 5.7 |
| | All Other Causes | 2,871 | 21.4 | |

*Percents are rounded independently and may not add up to 100

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NOTES:

^aTotal death counts include death records with missing age; counts may not match those reported in source number six listed above that used California VitalPro, or extracted from the *Vital Statistics Query System (VSQS)*, since each system uses a slightly different method of extracting leading cause of death data by gender and by race/ethnicity.

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^b Rates per 100,000 population adjusted by the direct method using the 2000 U.S. Standard Population. Age-adjusted rates exclude death records with missing age; See *California Department of Finance, Demographic Research Unit, Race/Ethnic Population Projections with Age and Sex Detail, 1970-2040 (December 1998)*. Future Department of Health Services reports will use updated California Department of Finance denominator data for calculating rates and these data will not be directly comparable to rates used earlier

For additional information on vital statistics data and rates contact: Center for Health Statistics, Office of Health Information and Research, (916) 5542-8095 or visit <http://www.dhs.ca.gov/hisp/chs/OHIR>

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